

## Review - VW Beetle Special Edition

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The Volkswagen Beetle has been one of the automotive world's success stories for over 70 years. With the original and basic design from the 1930s barely changing in real terms, it was in the mind "noughties where production ceased for the original model style.

In 1997 Volkswagen had released the New Beetle which changed from rear engined and air cooled to a rounded, modernised, front engined and water cooled model. Complete with vase and flower it was a reasonable hit and predominantly bought by women.

A rejig occurred in 2011 which coincided with a change back to Beetle. An exterior redesign with a flatter roof, changes to the front and rear bumpers, moving the front window back slightly for a longer bonnet look and a ditching of the feminine oriented flower was intended to attract more of the male market. To that end, the VW Beetle Fender Special Edition was released in 2012 in black, Bentley style chrome wheels and a cranking Fender 400 watt audio system.

Priced from around \$35K plus ORCs and with VW's 1.4L TSI engine/7 speed DSG combo, how does it measure up on the road?

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